

READY FOR FIGHTING

Hawaiian Matter, Federal Elections and Tariff Bill

TO ENGAGE CONGRESS AT ONCE

Wilson Bill to be Passed as Soon as the House Gets a Quorum.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—It cannot be recorded that the first session of congress after the holiday recess has marked any appreciable advance towards a disposition of any important matters pending before congress, but it is expected by the party managers the coming week will witness at least a beginning of the consideration of the tariff bill in the house, and the bill to repeal the federal election laws in the senate. It is expected that the subject of our Hawaiian relations will make its appearance in the senate very promptly, for the opportunity stands open in the shape of two resolutions, which the undisposed of on the vice president's table.

Keep Hands Off Hawaii.

"One of these is the Frye resolution declaring there should be no further interference by the United States in Hawaii pending the conclusion of the investigation now being made by the senate committee on foreign relations, and it is expected that Mr. Frye, who is a member of the committee, will have some remarks to deliver on this subject. The second resolution is that introduced by Mr. Hoar, calling for a statement of the expenditures made by Mr. Blount and the authority therefor. Mr. Frye intends to try and force his resolution in a vote tomorrow. Senator Davis of Minnesota proposes to deliver a set speech on the Hawaiian situation during this week. While this senator is a member of the committee on foreign relations and consequently has superior means of information, it is understood that he will not avail himself of this opportunity in preparing his speech, being an insistent advocate for the preservation of committee secrets. Consequently his remarks will be based upon the official documents already published.

Repeal of Federal Election Laws.

Mr. Gray has given notice that he will on Tuesday call up the house bill to repeal the federal election laws, which has been confided to his management by the committee on privileges and elections. It is understood to be the policy of the democratic senators, animated by a desire to secure speedy action upon the bill, to refrain as far as possible from debating the measure, and once the subject is before the senate, a number of speeches will doubtless be forthcoming in support of the minority report.

Will Consider Hornblower's Case.

Some interest is shown in the executive sessions that will probably fill in a good part of the time during the week, because of the expectation that action will be reached upon the nomination of Mr. Preston to director of the mint, and in the event that the judiciary committee secures a full meeting tomorrow upon the Hornblower nomination for the supreme bench it is also expected that a large number of treasury nominations of more or less importance will come up for action. The program in the house this week is quite simple and distinct.

Will Force the Tariff Bill.

As soon as the democrats present a voting quorum the pending order for the consideration of the Wilson bill will be adopted and that measure will be the business before the house until it shall have been disposed of by a vote. Some important matters will receive the attention of committees, and possibly pass through that stage to a place on the house calendar. The investigation of the Hawaiian resolutions intimating that the payment of speed premiums to the contractors of naval vessels was made pursuant to collusion between the contractor and officials of the naval department, will probably close tomorrow or Tuesday. On Wednesday the committee on coinage, weights and measures will meet to begin an examination of Chairman Blount's bill authorizing the issuance of certificates against the seizure of the bullion purchased under the Sherman law.

National Capital Notes.

National board of trade will meet in this city January 23.

Mrs. F. M. Cockrell, wife of Senator Cockrell, of Missouri, will be in Grand Rapids after the family residence in this city.

The report that snailbox had broken out on board the United States ship Bennington at Nicas, France, is officially denied.

Representative Richardson filed petitions from several Grand Rapids, Mich., labor organizations in favor of a reduction of tax on tobacco and the reduction of alien competition with American workmen.

Congressman Whiting has recommended State Representatives Fred H. Bailey of St. Clair county, Mich., as inspector of immigrants at Port Huron, and is confident that his appointment will soon follow.

Chairman Wilson of the ways and means committee says: "There will be no consideration of the bond question until the tariff is out of the way, and that the present indications will be a considerable time ahead. The condition of the treasury is fully appreciated, but the tariff question must be first dealt with."

His Proposition Refused.

East Livonia, Ohio, Jan. 7.—Hon. R. Langhille, one of the largest pottery manufacturers, made a proposition to his men yesterday to resume operations if he will be allowed to retain 30 per cent of their wages pending the decision of the tariff question. If not satisfied affecting his manufacture he is anxious to agree to pay the 50 per cent retained. The men refused the proposition.

Decrease in Gross Earnings.

Pittsburgh, Jan. 7.—The annual report of the Pittsburgh & Reading railroad, which will be presented at the stockholders' annual meeting tomorrow, shows gross earnings, \$24,121,000, a decrease of \$1,000,000 over the year 1903.

IS WILLIS IN HIDING

Rumors of His Dismissal by Provisional Government

IS HE ABOARD THE CORWIN?

The Hawaiian Frigate Still Unsettled and No One Can Cope Out the Corwin's Actions.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Nothing has been given out today to throw any light on the Hawaiian puzzle. More or less positive statements that the status quo in Honolulu has been broken by action of Minister Willis and that news to that effect had been conveyed to the state department in the dispatches brought by the Corwin, are met by equally positive statements that no advice to that effect emanates from any reliable source are at hand. In support of the probability of the latter theory, attention is called to the full text of Minister Willis' latest dispatch as included in the volume of correspondence just laid before the house, a portion of which only has been published.

Minister Willis' Dispatch.

This dispatch in its entirety reads as follows: "Honorable, Dec. 4, 1903.—Understand message. Had no communications from Washington, D. C., either to the United States or to me since my arrival. One British man-of-war and one Japanese man-of-war are here. Active defensive preparations for several days; the feeling intense, but hope to preserve status until further instructed. Government last Wednesday inquired as to authenticity of your published letter and intentions of the president. I have decided to answer. Prompt action desired. It is pointed out that there is a distinct announcement of intention to preserve the status until further instructed if possible and it is urged that the language of the president's message be so construed as to leave no room for a suggestion that any further instructions were sent to Mr. Willis after the meeting of congress authorizing him to break in upon the status until congress had declared its wishes in the matter.

Is Willis Aboard the Corwin?

The rumor now telegraphed from San Francisco that possibly one reason why no communication is allowed with the Corwin is that Minister Willis may be a passenger on board in the character of a dismissed American minister, was half jokingly passed around here yesterday. But there are of course numerous reasons for regarding this story highly improbable. Though the extraordinary precautions taken to prevent communication with the Corwin renders the widest rumors difficult to disprove, aside from the extreme unlikelihood that the provisional government would attempt such an extreme measure in the case of a minister whose course thus far has certainly resulted largely to their advantage and who in his dispatches expresses so high an opinion of the members of that government and the further unlikelihood that Mr. Willis, even if dismissed, would take refuge in a revenue cutter when there were two United States men-of-war in the harbor, and that he would remain skulking in hiding on board a revenue cutter in San Francisco harbor. Mr. Willis' open telegram to Secretary Carlisle in regard to the Louisville city claim received yesterday, clearly shows that he is still in Honolulu and expects to remain there.

Mount Has Been Summoned.

MASSACHUSETTS, Jan. 7.—Hon. James H. Blount received a telegram from Washington this morning, which is said to appear before the Hawaiian committee. He left for the capital this afternoon.

Brazilian Insurgents Beaten.

Admiral Da Gama Says His Manifesto Was Falsified.

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MONTEVIDEO, Jan. 7.—The United Press correspondent at Rio de Janeiro has sent this dispatch under date of January 2: Public opinion compelled Admiral da Gama, commander of the insurgent fleet in Rio harbor, to distribute the manifesto distributed on Saturday. The manifesto denied in these words the correctness of the inferences drawn from Gama's monarchical manifesto of a month ago. "The documents attributed to me," he said, "are entirely untrue. With the victory of the revolution will come the establishment of a civil republican government."

An unsigned manifesto denouncing the employment of North American mercenaries on the government cruiser Niteroi has been distributed. The Niteroi is still at Pernambuco.

The inquiries of the British captain in the harbor here have elicited from the British government only the declaration that there is to be no congress and none would be possible. A fleet of insurgent vessels commanded by Admiral da Gama has been brought along shore several times in an attempt to drive back the government forces and land troops. Although the insurgents fought with reckless bravery their efforts were vain. They lost heavily, but did not gain even a foothold. Insurgent resistance was offered yesterday afternoon and last night to the government advance on Vianna island. Five insurgent steamers were engaged for hours. There was much noise, but little blood flowed. Opinion among naval men is that Admiral da Gama will be beaten within ten days.

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Victims Attacked the Police and Got Wounded.

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ROME, Jan. 7.—Palermo has been filled with rumors since yesterday morning that an attempt would be made to mob the prisoners and release Deputy Giuseppe de Felice, the socialist leader. Last night therefore the guard at the prison was increased, but there has been no sign of an approaching attack on the building. A renewal of the attempt to cut the cable from Palermo to Italy has caused Gen. Morra di Livorno, commander-in-chief in Sicily, to put mounted guards at the cable landing. The expected decree postponing the maturity of bills of exchange was published today. Measures postponing the periods of agrarian contracts in Sicily are said to be impending. The priest arrested at his house yesterday

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